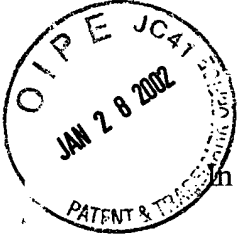


PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

EIJI TAKASU, et al.

Application No.: 09/148,474

Filed: September 8, 1998

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING
METHOD AND APPARATUS
AND STORAGE MEDIUM
THEREOF

Examiner: C. Paula

Group Art Unit: 2176

December 26, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2001 for an addition one month from November 25, 2001 to Wednesday, December 26, 2001 (the first regular day of business following the Christmas holiday).

Submitted herewith is a check for \$520.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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